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## Sen. Laura Toy serves on host committee for event to benefit Fallen and Wounded Soldiers' Fund

**LANSING** – A dinner benefit to support the Fallen and Wounded Soldiers' Fund will be held Saturday, March 11 at Laurel Manor in Livonia, announced state Sen. Laura M. Toy, 6th District.

"This is an excellent opportunity to help our brave men and women who have been injured in battle, as well as the families of those who have lost their lives while defending our nation," said Sen. Toy, who chairs the Senate Committee on Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs.

The event will be emceed by 25-year broadcast veteran Chuck Gaidica of WDIV Local 4. In addition to dinner, the evening will feature a silent auction and live entertainment.

Proceeds from the event will help fallen soldiers' children attend college, help with travel expenses for wounded soldiers' family members to visit them in the hospital (sometimes overseas), and to assist wounded or disabled soldiers in adapting their homes for handicapped accessibility.

"We owe a great debt to those who have sacrificed to ensure our freedom and our way of life," Sen. Toy said. "Not only is this event in support of a great cause, but it will also be a great, fun-filled night for all those involved."

For more information residents can visit <u>www.fwsf.org</u> or contact Chris Cornelius, event co-chair, at 248-417-6984.

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